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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant discloses the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,772,126, inventors Allemand et al., issued September 20, 1988;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,895,446, inventors Maldari et al., issued January 23, 1990;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,659,390, inventor Danko, issued August 19, 1997;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,046,847, inventors Nakata et al., issued September 10, 1991;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,966,457, inventors Hayano et al., issued October 30, 1990;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,898,471, inventors Stonestrom et al., issued February 6, 1990;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,355,212, inventors Wells et al., issued October 11, 1994; and
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,625,193, inventors Broude et al., issued April 29, 1997.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists and does not constitute an admission that the enclosed documents constitute "prior art."

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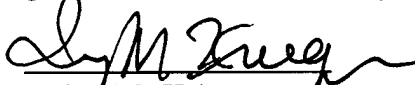
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